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ATTEMPTED ARSON.

Unoccupied House on Maunakea Street Oiled and Fired.

Very few people know how near Chinatown came to being destroyed by fire last Wednesday night. Had it not been for the prompt action of some natives in the vicinity of King street on Maunakea there is no doubt a serious conflagration would have occurred.

About midnight people in the locality mentioned were awakened by frantic yells of Chinamen and shrill notes of whistles. It seems that some unknown person had poured kerosene oil all over the wall connecting two rooms on the ground floor of an unoccupied house next that of a Chinese cabbage store in the vicinity spoken of. This had been ignited and the volumes of smoke which resulted caused the Chinamen next door to be awakened. Instead of inquiring into the matter, they began to hustle their effects out upon the opposite sidewalk, all the while yelling fire.

Several natives broke open the door of the burning building, and despatching several of the rattled Mongolians for buckets of water, soon had the flames extinguished, although good headway had been gained and the thin ceiling begun to catch fire.

The police arrived soon after, thinking there was a fight on hand, this impression having been conveyed by the whistles. An attempt was made to locate the incendiary, but all efforts failed. The building was well chosen for the center of operations; others in the vicinity are old and would have burned rapidly.

Mortuary report for December is published this morning.

AN ARTIST OF MERIT.

D. Howard Hitchcock Talks of His Work and Exhibit.

HE WANTS A LARGER FIELD.

Exhibition Now on View at Pacific Hardware Company—Time Spent no Criterion of Value—Excellent Still Life Studies—Parisian Experience.

In conversation with D. Howard Hitchcock concerning his work now on exhibition at the Pacific Hardware Company's art rooms, the artist said: "It is quite the custom for an artist to make a collection of his works and, through some reliable dealer, give a sale exhibition such as I have here. To be sure, mine is comparatively a small collection, but I am proud to be able to say it is a fairly representative one of my various styles,



and there is not a single canvas in the lot I should be ashamed to show in any like exhibition in New York or Boston."

Continuing, he said: "There's that volcano; it may not be as large a canvas as some, but I feel I have caught the subtle something that raises it above the plane of black and red paint and gives it true artistic value. The price? Paintings cannot be measured in cash value. I may dash off a little 'effect' in a couple of hours that has more merit than a canvas I have labored over for as many months. There's that study of pheasants in the window; I am not ashamed to say I painted it in less than six hours, in one sitting, and there's more go and snap in it than in that other still life alongside it, and it's cheap—cheaper than people here realize—at sixty dollars. No, I don't think my prices high, for the grade of work I do."

"I have known people here in this town to go abroad—what a charm the term 'from abroad' has to some people—and buy pictures and statues I should be ashamed to have seen in my studio; and compare the pieces they pay to these on this price list. And if I do say it of myself, there is good in it. My Parisian experience was of great benefit to me. The main thing I learned there was my limitations, and there is nothing in this little show that is beyond them. People don't seem to think of that. That's where the success of Corot and Daubigny come in. They knew their limitations and did not try to paint such subjects as the Embarkation of Columbus at Palos or Venice Enthroned; and look at the prices their work brings."

"No. The time is past when an artist's work is only valued after his death. Look at the success of some of our younger American artists—Harrison with his marines and sunsets, Sargent with his powerful portrait work. Yet, do you know, it is sometimes most discouraging. A fellow is always reaching a little beyond his depth and getting into deep water. See that dawn effect at Waialoa, number eight on the list. I painted that sky half a dozen times before it suited me. The harmony with the cooler greys in the foreground and water was extremely difficult to catch. In my original study I had it suggested, but in the crudest way, and in trying to bring it out

in the picture I found the difficulty.

"Yes. I paint rather broadly. If I gain my effect, and feel I have caught the sentiment of the subject, I stop there, as experience has taught me that the sandpaper finish the public so much admires is generally gained at the sacrifice of feeling and even of color."

In further conversation the artist said: "The market here is limited and I am only waiting for a chance to get an opening in a wider field. Financially it is discouraging. Yet what can you do? There are artists of undoubted merit starving—doing illustrating, anything, to get along, in all the centers the world over, and what would be my chance without influence in such a place. It looks as though I did have to grind away here a while longer."

COLLISION ON KING STREET.

Bicycle Rider Ran into by a Spirited Horse.

Late yesterday afternoon Joe Luahiwa, formerly a lieutenant of police, ran into John Kewalo, an employee of the Honolulu Iron Works, and threw him to the ground. The event was witnessed by quite a number of people. Luahiwa was riding along from Palama on the left hand side of the street and when he got near the corner of Fort and King streets his horse was jumping about in a pretty lively manner. Just then Kewalo came along on his wheel, riding at a lively pace. Luahiwa kept on going and the result was a collision. The bicycle rider was thrown over and the front wheel of the machine bent in various ways. Nearly all the spokes were broken.

When Kewalo got up from the ground his first impulse was to lay the blame on Luahiwa. In this he was supported by the crowd which had collected. Luahiwa claimed he could not get out of the way; that he was wedged in between a carriage and a dray and that Kewalo should have stopped. Kewalo was for arresting Luahiwa for fast and furious riding and claimed that he had no right on his own side of the street.

Finally, after much talk the thought struck Luahiwa to offer to pay for damages done Kewalo's wheel. This the injured person did not seem to grasp for some moments. When he did he picked up his wheel and carried it to the repair shop, followed by Luahiwa, who signed an agreement to pay all damages.

Kewalo was bruised considerably; the horse received the sharp points of two of the bicycle spokes in one of his forelegs.

GAME OF GOLF.

Club Formed in Honolulu—Members Enthusiastic.

The growing interest in golf in this city has resulted in the formation of a club which is composed of President Dole, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Renjes, Miss McGrew, Captain Broome and Walter Dillingham. All the members are very enthusiastic and are making preparations to begin play as soon as possible. Mrs. Graham and Captain Broome have both played golf in the East and are thoroughly acquainted with the game. The club has been formed for the express purpose of awakening genuine golf enthusiasm on the islands and as soon as everything is in working order the membership will be increased. The hilly ground immediately back of Punahou has been thought a good place for the links and will probably be adapted to the game of golf. The formation of a club with such enthusiastic players gives promise that it will occupy a prominent place among the sports already in existence here.

Board of Education Meeting.

A full meeting of the Board of Education was held yesterday. The following appointments were made: L. Madeiros, transferred from Ulu-palakua to Waipio; W. B. Starkey, transferred from Wainiha to Ulu-palakua, and Miss Angus, appointed an extra teacher in the Chinese school. It was decided to move the three lower grades from the Chinese Y. M. C. A. into the wooden building at Fort street, accommodations being now complete for the transfer.

Mrs. H. Herbert's labor bureau, Fort street, has three good Chinese waiters ready for employment.

BORING BEES IN BOTTLES

Novel and Effective Method of Catching Wood Borers.

NEW USE FOR BEER BOTTLES.

Commissioner Marsden Rejoices that Carpenter Bees Can be Exterminated—Ineffective Experiments Made. Latest Discovery Made by Accident.

The Carpenter Bee is a great pest in this country. Making its nest only in wood, it annually causes much damage to the wood work of houses, fence posts, etc. The only protection so far has been to paint and sand every part of wood work. This is expensive, and any means that will materially reduce the numbers of this destructive insect will be eagerly welcomed. Many things have been tried to kill off the bee, viz., paying the children so much per hundred, plugging the holes with rags saturated with sugar and Paris green has done a great deal in reducing the numbers of the pest, but the latest discovery promises to be the most effectual method yet tried in combating the bee.

A few months ago one of C. A. Brown's men was at work on the land above Waipio. He had taken his lunch with him and a bottle of water. After he had eaten his lunch and drank the water, he placed the bottle (a quart beer bottle) on the top of a fence post and left it there. A month or so afterward he visited the locality again, and saw the bottle still standing on the fence post. On examining the bottle he found it, much to his surprise, full of carpenter bees.

Taking the bottle he at once reported this curious occurrence to Mr. Brown, who proceeded to test this novel method of trapping the bee. He had several hundred beer bottles (black glass) tied in an upright position to the fence posts on his land, and after several months every one of these bottles were from one-half to completely filled up with the bees. Mr. Brown has now a good use for all the empty beer bottles that he can procure. It would seem that the bee is attracted (not by the smell of what has been in the bottle) by the nice, round hole at the top of the bottle, which seems to offer him a nest already made. He enters and there he stays, for the neck of the bottle is too narrow for him to fly out and the sides too smooth for him to walk out. His buzzing in the bottle soon attracts others, who enter to keep him company; they keep on going in until the bottle is full. This is an easy method of catching the bee. Just tie empty beer bottles to the veranda posts or to the wall and the bees will do the rest. It is necessary that the bottles be placed perfectly upright, or else the bees may get out.

Mr. Brown has left two of the bottles in my office, where they can be seen by any one interested. These bottles are full of bees and are only a fair sample of several hundred of the bottles that Mr. Brown has set out.

J. MARSDEN,
Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry.

Tennis Association.

At a meeting of the Pacific Tennis Club held in the office of the Hawaiian Safe Deposit and Investment Company yesterday afternoon there were twelve members present. G. P. Wilder was unanimously elected to active membership. The constitution of the Hawaiian Tennis Association was approved. Other matters pertaining to the interest of the club were discussed.

A Contemptible Trick.

Dr. R. W. Anderson and his family had their New Year enjoyment marred by the act of some Jackanapes who wanted to be funny. The doctor drove his phaeton to the Hawaiian Hotel during the early part of the morning

and went into the barber shop to get some work done. While this was being done some smart Aleck telephoned the Club Stables to come and get the rig and take charge of it. This was done. Dr. Anderson spent most of the day in trying to locate his vehicle and horse, and as a consequence had a pleasant day's enjoyment spoiled. If the party who played the contemptible trick is found out he will likely receive a lesson not soon to be forgotten in the form of a good thrashing.

ROOM AT WAIANAE.

Big Hotel to be Erected There at Once.

The Waianae Plantation Company have about decided to erect a commodious hotel at some point to be decided on near the railway terminus. This has been found necessary for many reasons. The building will be of a capacity sufficient to accommodate the railway employees, travelers and visitors that may journey thither, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$5000.

Judge Widemann and President Dole visited Waianae yesterday, making the journey in a special parlor car provided by Manager Dillingham of the Oahu Railway. The land used by the Waianae plantation is leased from the Government, and it is necessary to acquire additional space for the hotel building if the site selected by Mr. Widemann is decided upon. It is understood the Government is willing to grant concessions for land anywhere in the locality for hotel purposes.

The need of an hotel at Waianae has long been felt, even before the railway was extended to that place. So many people found it either convenient or necessary to stop there—particularly over night—and the plantation manager's home being the only available place, his hospitality was often severely taxed.

It is the intention of the railway company to make Waianae a favorite resort by the construction of bath houses, pavilions, etc. Excursions will be run there at sundry and diverse time, athletic events, swimming contests, rifle matches, etc., to form attractions for making journeys there both successful and pleasant.

ALLIGATOR PEAR TREES.

One Thousand Young Trees at the Government Nursery.

EDITOR ADVERTISER:—I would respectfully call the attention of the public to the fact that there are at the Government nursery on King street about 1000 fine young Avocado, or Alligator pear trees, that should be planted during this month. The trees are from two to three feet high and are in splendid condition for planting. This is a fine opportunity for any one wishing to set out a grove of these valuable trees which flourish so well in this country. As the trees will all be distributed by the end of this month, early applications should be made to the undersigned at his office in the Judiciary building.

J. MARSDEN,
Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry.

Y. H. I.

First Business Meeting of the Year. Membership Roll.

The Y. H. I. held their first business meeting of the new year last night in Foster hall. After regular routine business, discussion was indulged in regarding the interests of the institution. Light refreshments were served.

During the evening a membership roll, designed and drawn by Viggo Jacobsen, was presented to the club by one of the members. The roll is neatly framed and contains removable slips for 125 members. Aside from the list of officers, a noticeable feature of the roll is the design of the Hawaiian National shield, in the center of which is another made up of the letters Y. H. I., surrounded by a laurel wreath. The members are justly proud of the present and will give it a prominent position in their hall.

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